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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
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SUBJECT : East Asia Warning Assessment

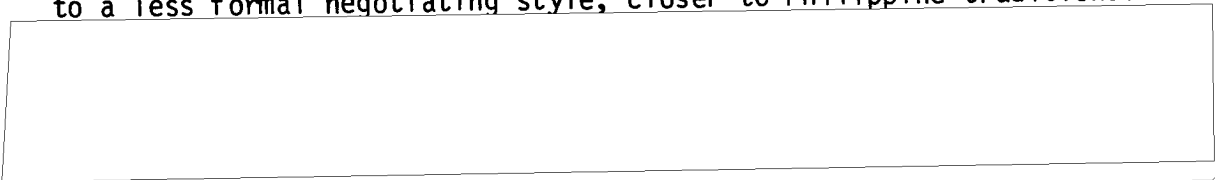
Community Representatives addressed the following topics at the 18 May warning meeting.

I. Warning -- No subjects were identified for discussion.

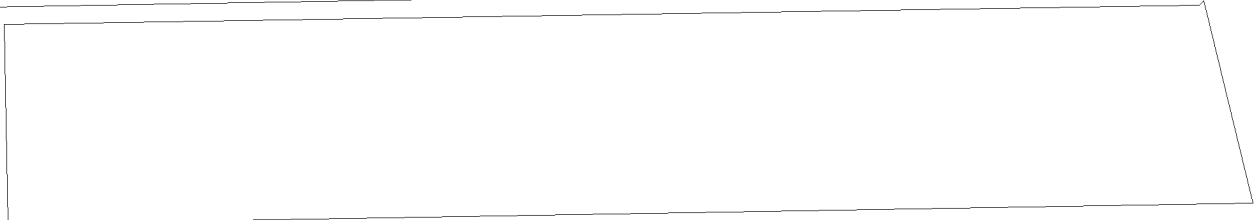
II. Regional Developments

A. Philippines/US -- Military Base Agreement

Ralph Braibanti of State reported that agreement may be reached within the next few weeks for US expenditures of \$800-950 million over the next five years for military assistance, FMS grants, and economic support funds. Successful conclusion of this round of talks might be attributed to a less formal negotiating style, closer to Philippine traditions.



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## D. Thailand

[redacted] the Thai domestic political situation. There has been no fundamental change as a result of elections last month. General Athit is manipulating Prime Minister Prem, and has assumed control with more power than thought possible after the failure of his attempt to amend the Constitution. A less confrontational stance on Vietnam may appeal to Athit, but he will not undertake a major move away from the US. Athit will reintroduce amendments to the Constitution to allow participation in government by active duty military personnel and civil servants, and election rules which will serve as a deterrent for large civilian political parties. Athit's abrupt individualistic style differs from the consensus building methods we are used to in Bangkok and could involve more surprises.

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III. Plans for Interagency Work

The Assistant National Intelligence Officer for East Asia commented on the status of work in progress.

IV. Regional Policy Issues

Representatives to the meeting were reminded that topics which will confront policymakers include Secretary Shultz' tour of ASEAN nations, Secretary Baldrige's trip to China, technology transfer, and China's application for membership in the Asian Development Bank.

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